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SUBJ: RATSIRAKA'S TRIP TO THE USSR: COMMENT ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. SUMMARY: LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE WHILE CALLING FOR CLOSER SOVIET/  
MALAGASY RELATIONS IN GENERAL GIVES NO INDICATION OF SPECIFIC  
FIELDS IN WHICH SUCH CLOSER RELATIONS MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS  
DOES NOT MEAN THAT OTHER AGREEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY IN MILITARY  
FIELDS, MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT SEPARATELY. DOCUMENT ALSO  
CONTAINS CALL FOR MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN ANTI-IMPERIALISTS  
AND THEIR "NATURAL ALLIES," THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS NO SURPRISES AND THE WARMTH OF THE FRIENDLY  
SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED THEREIN ARE ONLY WHAT COULD BE EXPECTED IN  
THE LIGHT OF MALAGASY POLICY AND THE CONTEXT OF A STATE VISIT.  
SOME OF THE MORE INTERESTING POINTS ARE:  
A) WISH EXPRESSED FOR REINFORCEMENT AND EXTENSION OF BILATERAL RELA-  
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TIONS:  
B) DECISION TO FORM BILATERAL FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS IN BOTH  
CAPITALS:  
C) OBSERVATION THAT FORCES FOR PEACE, LIBERATION AND INDEPEN-  
DENCE ARE GROWING IN STRENGTH BUT THAT VIGILANCE AND INTENSIFIED  
JOINT EFFORTS BY PEACELOVING PEOPLES AND STATES STILL NECESSARY:  
D) MALAGASY APPROVAL OF SOVIET DECLARATION ON NON-USE OF NUCLEAR

WEAPONS AND SOVIET CITATION OF ITS RECENT DECLARATION ON THE USSR'S  
AFRICAN POLICY;

E) DENUNCIATION OF EFFORTS BY NATO COUNTRIES, "DIRECTED BY U.S.  
TO STIFLE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES FOR  
LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE;

F) SPECIFIC DENUNCIATION OF NATO COUNTRIES INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS OF ZAIRE AND THEIR EFFORTS TO FORM AN "INTERAFRICAN FORCE";

G) CONDEMNATION OF RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND  
OF IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS TO SUBSTITUTE PUPPET REGIMES TO INSURE  
SURVIVAL OF NEO-COLONIALISM;

H) IMPORTANCE OF "INTENSIFYING THE EFFORTS OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES  
OF AFRICA WITH A VIEW TO CONSOLIDATING ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-  
COLONIAL UNITY OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS COOPERATION OF  
THESE COUNTRIES WITH THEIR NATURAL ALLIES, WHICH ARE THE COUNTRIES  
OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY." STRONG REACTION WOULD BE MADE TO  
ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE AFRICAN-SOCIALIST FRIENDSHIP." COMMENT:  
NOTE TERM NATURAL ALLIES USED BY RATSIRAKA HIMSELF PRIOR TO HIS  
DEPARTURE FOR USSR (REFTEL);

I) CALL FOR DISMANTLEMENT OF ALL FOREIGN BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN,  
WITHOUT NAMING ANY:

J) APPROVAL OF INCREASED SUPPORT BEING GIVEN BY NONALIGNED  
MOVEMENT TO ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE AND CONDEMNATION OF IMPER-  
IALIST ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE THE MOVEMENT.

3. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING THAT COMMUNIQUE, IN REVIEWING MEETINGS  
OCCURRING DURING THIS VISIT, REPORTS THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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RICHARD AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLAN RAZAKABOANA MET WITH  
SOVIET COMMITTEE OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN  
COUNTRIES, WHILE ONLY PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT GEORGES SOLOFOSON  
IS CITED AS CALLING AT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
BARRETT

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED TO ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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